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Reply To
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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Quinault Indian Nation - CWA Section 106

FROM:  Alan Moomaw
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TO: Mary St. Peter
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I have reviewed the "Treatment in a Manner Similar to a State" (TAS) application materials submitted by the Quinault Indian Nation on February 1, 2000. The narrative summary discussion on tribal capability (pages 11-12) indicates the Quinault Indian Nation has a proven record of administrative and technical skills to accomplish tribal goals and objectives in a water pollution control program. The Quinault Indian Nation has been a recipient of past EPA funding, including Indian General Assistance Program (GAP), and has demonstrated the ability to manage federal funding. As examples of demonstrated technical capability, the Tribe has developed a watershed/stream typing model for watershed analysis, continue to operate a water quality monitoring network for the purposes of establishing baseline conditions from which to develop tribal water quality standards; as well as has done wetlands and air quality project work.

EPA has had several project officers assigned to work with the Quinault Indian Nation in the 1990's; however, the tribal staff in their management positions have remained the same individuals (Bruce Jones, John Sims). Presently, Robin Slate is the Tribal Coordinator working with the Quinault Indian Nation and has indicated her confidence in the tribe's ability to implement a water pollution control program. Accordingly, I conclude that the Quinault Indian Nation is capable of administering a Clean Water Act Section 106 Water Pollution Control Program.